



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Date: April 7, 2009

Ward 1 – House Fire – 1800 Block of West Astolat

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Dispatch Time - 1022

On-Scene Time – 1025

Fire Under Control – 1048

We had numerous calls to 9-1-1 reporting heavy black smoke coming from this area. The first pumper, with 4 firefighters, found this residence completely engulfed in flames, boards on all the doors and windows, and fire spreading to the carport of the residence to the west. Firefighters rescued three rabbits that were in a cage in the carport of the home to the west, and two dogs that were inside the home. The four people that live there were not home at the time. Twenty-three minutes later the fire was extinguished by twenty-one firefighters, a typical response for a house fire in the City of Tucson Limits.

No injuries occurred.

Red Cross was not needed.

Damage estimate - \$175,000 (\$150,000 to the home that was completely destroyed, and \$25,000 to the home to the west's carport and storage room).

Cause – under investigation

The fire started in the carport area of the home that was completely destroyed.

Safety Message: Maintain a 30-foot defensible space around your home. Remove fuels, such as dry brush and stored items. These are ladder-type fuels that can allow fire to spread to your home very quickly.